

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

NO. 41-390

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TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill No. 843, which was passed at the recently-adjourned Regular Session of the Fiftieth Legislature.

This bill was originally reported to me to be a measure making three small rural schools eligible for rural aid funds. Subsequently, I found that an amendment had been put on the bill which would take the remaining rural aid equalization funds this year and divide them among schools --- schools which have now finished their school year and are not in operation.

The Legislature provided for a \$300 increase in the pay of teachers in rural aid schools at the beginning of the Session. I signed that bill, and the teachers have received that grant. House Bill 843 now seeks to give an additional allowance of approximately \$1,000,000 for purposes other than teachers' salaries, to be credited to the current year's budget. In passing the \$55 per capita bill and the \$36,000,000 equalization aid bill, the Legislature has been generous with the schools for the next biennium.

The author of the original version of House Bill 843 advises me that he had no knowledge of the action taken in attaching the amendment. I am informed further that this action was taken while the bill was on the local and uncontested bill calendar and that the majority of the members of the Legislature knew nothing about this amendment, and that it was not "legislative intent" that this \$1,000,000 of State funds be so spent.

Since this amendment would appropriate \$1,000,000 of the people's money for schools which are already closed for the school year; since no essential harm can possibly come to the schools by not receiving it; and since the amendment was doubtless passed in error and in misunderstanding, I am vetoing the bill. Unfortunately, it is not possible to veto the objectionable matter separate from the provisions for the three small schools which the bill sought in the beginning to help. At some later time, we shall have to see what can be done for them.

House Bill 843 reached my office less than ten days before the end of the Regular Session of the Fiftieth Legislature. In accordance with the Constitution, it is being filed with the Secretary of State together with this proclamation containing my objections to the bill.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 10th day of June, A. D., 1947.

Bonnie Brown
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Paul H. Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE